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Our large special stock of
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gives you the choicest pat-
terns.

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**Wringers
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to 18 Summer street to be
repaired.

Chas. Winters.

CADY ELECTED.

Reliable Estimates from
Vote Up to 3 p. m. Gives
him a Majority of 400.
A Very Large Vote.



He Crows for Cady and the Administration Men.

According to reliable estimates of the
vote polled in the city up to 3 o'clock Mr.
Cady will be elected mayor by a majority
of about 400 votes.
Wards 1 and 2 are said to have gone for
Hammer; Ward 1 by about 50, and Ward 2
by about 35.
The closest estimates obtainable of the
votes in Ward 3 gives Cady 100 majority,
in Ward 4 Cady 25 majority, in Ward 5
Cady 200, in Ward 6 Cady 100, in Ward 7
Cady 65.
A tremendously large vote has been
polled, probably not less than 3100 or 3200.
Every hack in the city has been in use

carrying voters to the polls. Both Cady
and Hammer men are doing all that can be
done for their men.

The Democrats are claiming that their
council ticket has been elected from top
to bottom.

There were rumors this morning that
no-license would be voted. But this
afternoon, it is said, license has a com-
fortable majority.

It is safe to say that Mr. Cady's major-
ity will be 400, while other good figures
will have been at all polling places put
it as high as 550. That he is safely elected
is certain.

DISCUSSED CUTDOWN.

Conference Between Manufacturers
and Operatives.

Postponement of Reduction
Until March 1 Urged.

Curtailed of Production to Four Days a
Week Meanwhile.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The con-
ference of labor leaders and manufac-
turers which has been looked forward to
as being a factor in the situation which
might overcome the actual facts was
held Monday afternoon in the rooms of
the Manufacturers' association. The
representatives of the labor unions sub-
mitted three propositions, and each of
the delegates made some comment
thereon. At the conclusion the manufac-
turers decided to take them under
consideration, and will give a written
answer this afternoon. These propo-
sitions were formulated at a meeting
of committees of the unions last week,
and are as follows:
"First.—It being the general opinion
that there will be an improvement during
the ensuing year and that manufac-
turing will be in a far more prosperous
condition than at present, we request
our manufacturers to postpone the present
reduction until the first of March.
If there is no improvement at that time,
we will hold another conference with a
view of settling the wage question."
"Second.—Believing that reducing
wages is not a remedy for an overstocked
market, we respectfully request our man-
ufacturers to work four days per week
until the first of March. If there is
no improvement at that time we will
hold another conference."
"Third.—If either of the above propo-
sitions is not accepted and we cannot
settle the question satisfactorily, we are
willing to submit our case to the state
board of arbitration, wages to remain
as at present until the state board makes
its report."
The report of the meeting of delegates
also states that at their meeting "the
question of overtime running with two
sets of help was discussed also and the
recovery of lost time. The delegates
were of the opinion that effort should be
made to put a stop to it, as it is causing
a great deal of dissatisfaction."
After the submission of their propo-
sitions, the present condition of trade
the causes which have led up to them and
the manner of southern competition were
discussed at great length and it was
after over two hours of deliberation that
the conference adjourned. The manufac-
turers were very open in giving the
reasons which caused their action,
and they answered all questions with
equal freedom. There was nothing
about the conference that either side
regretted, as perfect harmony prevailed
at all times. The discussion of the con-
ference was principally by Dr. Davis of
the manufacturers, Secretary O'Donnell and
Treasurer Givens of the spinners, Sec-
retaries Whitehead and McCarthy of the
loom-finishers.

Secretaries O'Donnell and Whitehead
both expressed themselves after the con-
ference as being in every way satisfied,
as they felt that they had made a strong
impression on the manufacturers and
hoped that their propositions would lead
to a permanent settlement of the ques-
tion. After the adjournment of the con-
ference the manufacturers listened to a
dilatation of the Slasher Tenders' union

which asked a special meeting on their
agreement with the manufacturers.

Millionaire Borden Acquiesces.
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21.—The position
of the Fall River Iron Works com-
pany, which employs 3000 operatives,
on the wage question is determined by
the announcement of the owner, M. C.
D. Borden of New York, that he will
abide by the decision and recommendations
of the manufacturers' committee,
having no desire to oppose them in any
course which they may think for the
benefit of the cotton industry in Fall
River. He is willing to reduce wages
to a point 20 per cent below the present
basis if the committee should so decide,
and therefore the reduction, if
changed by the conference, will affect his
employees.

Reduction in Suncrook Mills.
Suncrook, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices have
been posted at the China, Pembroke and
Webster cotton mills here announcing a
reduction of about 10 per cent on Jan. 1. The
cutover will affect the superintendents
and overseers, and in fact, all the em-
ployees of the three corporations.
The order will affect nearly 1500 op-
eratives. The monthly payroll amounts to
about \$27,000. The three mills are en-
gaged in the manufacture of print cloth,
the class of goods being the same as
those made at Fall River, although the
printing is not done here. The produc-
tion, when all three plants are at their
full capacity and on full time, amounts
to about 1,000,000 yards per week.

Cutdown General.
Manchester, N. H., Dec. 21.—Notices of
a 10 per cent reduction in wages have
been posted in the Amory, Stark and
Jefferson cotton mills in this city. The
11,000 in the mills, together with the
employees of the Amesbury corporation,
will make a total of about 30,000 in this
city to be affected by the reduction.
The Stark mills operate 80,000 spindles
and the Amory 119,000.

Boston Campaign Closed.
Boston, Dec. 21.—Rallies by supporters
of three of the leading candidates for
mayor in various parts of the city closed
the campaign last night. The contest,
which began immediately after the state
election, has been a long one, owing to
the fact that the election was put over
a week by the last legislature, as it was
anticipated that the city, at the state
election, would accept a new plan for
the consolidation of the board of alder-
men and the common council, and that
the additional time would be necessary
to adjust matters. The act, however,
was not accepted, and the extra week
gave more opportunity for stirring up
a strife, so that the campaign has been
the warmest that has been seen here
for many years.

The disturbing factor has been the
candidate of Thomas Riley, who is run-
ning on the Bryan Democratic ticket,
and his campaign, which has been
avowedly antagonistic to Mayor Quincy,
has been fought with great vigor by sev-
eral young politicians, notably John R.
Moran, Timothy W. Conkley and Philip
J. Doherty. Mr. Riley has spoken al-
most nightly in different parts of the
city, while the other two candidates
have refrained from any speeches what-
soever. Although the Republican orators
have been hard at work for three weeks
the Quincy campaign did not gain head-
way until a week ago, P. A. Collins being
the principal speaker.

The fight has been noteworthy for its
intensity of feeling, especially on the
part of the Riley supporters, whose out-
cries on Mayor Quincy have been
exceedingly bitter. The mayor has also
been the subject of severe criticism by
the Republican speakers, especially in
regard to his attitude in the erection of
the new union station upon its present
site.

As the election of Mr. Riley is con-
sidered out of the question, the contest
apparently depends on how many votes
he can draw from the regular Demo-
cratic candidate and thus insure an elec-
tion of ex-Mayor Curtis.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TURKEY TO UNCLE SAM.

Makes Humble Apology for Insult
Offered U. S. Warship
Bancroft.

Constantinople, Dec. 21.—Turkey has
just made a very humble bow to the
United States. It appears that when the
United States steamship Bancroft arrived
at Smyrna, on the night of December 4
she was greeted with a blank cannon shot
and rifle bullets from the fort of Yenik-
skele.

A boat from the warship sent shore
ward to ask for explanations was fired
upon and compelled to return. There-
upon the American admiral lodged a pro-
test with the United States minister here,
Dr. James B. Angell, who demanded the
punishment of the guilty parties and an
apology from the Turkish government,
which was promptly given on Sunday
last.

In addition two Turkish officers were
dismissed and sentenced to a week's im-
prisonment. The entry of ships into Smyrna
at night is prohibited, but on this occasion
the lamps in the outer lighthouses were
still burning and the Bancroft stopped
when the requisite signals were made.

Cotton Wages Go Down.

At Worcester the Millbury cotton mills,
following the lead of the Fall River mills,
posted notice last night of a cut of 10 per
cent to take effect January 3. This was
expected and the owners say they were
forced to make the cut by the condition
of business.

At Southbridge, Mass., notices have
been posted at the Fiskdale mills in Star-
bridge notifying employees that on and
after January 3 the wage scale will be

lower. The notices do not state the
amount of the reduction but it is under-
stood it will be between 10 and 15 per
cent, or about the same as that contem-
plated by the Fall River and New Hamp-
shire mills. The Fiskdale mills make
print cloth and employ about 400 people.
The cut down will probably be accepted.

An Immense Funeral.

London, Dec. 21.—The funeral of Wm.
Terries, the actor, who was stabbed to
death Thursday last outside the Adelphi
theatre by a man named Richard Ar-
thur Prince, took place today at Brom-
ston cemetery. There was an immense
crowd of people.

The floral tributes were very numerous,
including wreaths from Lord Rosebery,
Mrs. De Navarro, (Mary Anderson) Lady
Harris, Sir Edward Clark, Mr. and Mrs.
Bancroft, Sir Henry Irving, Pinero, Mr.
and Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Langtry, Arthur
Bourchier, E. S. Willard, John Hare,
George Alexander, and other theatrical
notabilities. There was much popular
sympathy for the deceased manifested as
the remains were conveyed to the ceme-
tery. There were 50,000 people at the
grave.

Boinay to Hang April 14.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—Charles A.
Boinay, who was last week found guilty
of murder in the first degree for the kill-
ing of George Marcus Nichols, was sen-
tenced today to be hanged April 14 next.

HE IS NOT A REFORMER

Commissioner Evans of the Pension
Bureau Comes Out Knafooted.

Says Civil Service Law Failed
In His Department.

Believes in a Tenure of Office of Ten Year
Periods.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate com-
mittee on civil service and retirement
questioned Commissioner of Pensions
Evans yesterday about the civil service
system and its application to the force
of the pension office. He expressed the
opinion that the law did not accomplish
the results its friends insisted that it
did. The best men in his office were
those who had come in under the so-
called spoils system. They did their
duty and expected to hold their posi-
tions by so doing.
The pension examining board, he said,
ought not to be in the classified service,
as it was desirable to secure men with
surgical, experience—army experience,
if possible, and such men would not enter
into competition for the places with
young men just out of college. He
thought that the entire system of ap-
pointing the boards was wrong, and
that all of them ought to be under a uni-
form system of appointment.



U. S. CLAY EVANS.

He believed that the head of a bureau
was the best qualified person to pass on
the efficiency of a clerk, and that he ought
not to be hampered in removing a clerk
for inefficiency. If permitted to do so
he could remove at least 100 clerks from
his office without affecting the efficiency
of the force. He thought it would be
desirable to have a definite tenure of
office, not exceeding 10 years, so that
every year about 10 per cent of new blood
could be infused into the force. This
would do away with the resulting abuse
from some clerks remaining in office too
long.

He thought that some reform would
have to be enacted or the country would
have the infliction of a civil pension list.
He believed it was a mistake to include
in the classified service the special ex-
aminers, medical boards, chiefs of di-
visions and all others receiving salaries
exceeding \$400.

Supplies For Klondikers.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Alger
has determined, after advising with the
medical officers of the war department
and persons who have had much ex-

perience in Arctic regions, to make
large use of cold condensed food prepara-
tions in the Yukon expedition. Not
only will the meats taken be of the most
concentrated form, but particular efforts
are making to secure condensed prepara-
tions of vegetables such as potatoes and
onions. The secretary has begun an
inquiry to ascertain the amount of stores
available for purchase by the govern-
ment and the prices demanded for them.
The state department has already
asked the British government to request
the Canadian government's permission
to pass stores through Canada free of
duty. It is not anticipated that any ob-
jection will be made to granting the re-
quest, nor to the accompanying request
that will be made for permission for our
soldiers to pass over Canadian territory
as guards for the expedition, although
an order of the privy council will be re-
quired for the suspension of the duties.

Watching Land Boomers.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Officials of the
interior department are watching the
land boomers who, it is alleged, are
making arrangements to enter the lands
of the Wichita, Apache, Kiowa and Com-
anche reservations in Oklahoma. A
treaty for the opening of the latter is
now pending before congress. Some
of the literature of the persons who are
working up the boom has been received
at the department in which commissions
of membership are offered at the rate of
\$5 each. They have been scattered
broadcast throughout the country. The
Indian agents have been warned of this
proposed movement and have been di-
rected to call on the military to assist
in preventing a forcible occupation of
the lands.

No Offices For Christmas Gifts.

Washington, Dec. 21.—For the benefit
of the expectant it is given out that
no appointments will be made by the
president during the holiday recess of
congress except in case of emergency.
Despite the announcement of this fact,
the number of visitors at the White
House Monday was unusually large.
Representative Brosius, chairman of the
house civil service committee, had an
extended conference about the operation
of the civil service law. The president
is availing himself of the opportunity
to talk freely with senators and repre-
sentatives concerning the law and the
effort that is now being made to secure
its modification. He is being urged to
except some positions that are now in
the classified service, but it is said that
he has not yet seriously considered the
question of modifying the law.

Tariff on Watch Movements.

New York, Dec. 21.—The enforcement
of a tariff on the new tariff law,
which imposes a specific duty on foreign
made watch movements, has caused
much dissatisfaction among the import-
ers of such movements in this city, and
protests have been filed with the general
appellate court with a view of obtaining a
legal construction of the new law.

Under the old tariff imported watches
were admitted at an ad valorem duty.
The present law requires that watch
movements shall pay a specific duty,
whether imported in cases or not, accord-
ing to the number of jewels con-
tained. Besides these specific duties
there is a general ad valorem duty of 25
per cent, and parts of watches are as-
sessed at 40 per cent ad valorem. The
point which the importers desire to have
definitely determined is whether certain
importations shall be classed as watch
movements or parts of watches.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Colder.

Generally fair tonight, fair Wednesday,
lightly colder tonight, northwest winds.

To Give Gracefully Select Thoughtfully!

Now is the Christmas shopper's time—the time when you are
happy in gift-choosing.

As the holidays draw near you grow anxious, and its difficult
to find the most appropriate things.

If it's for the men and boys you seek just call at Cutting
Corner and you will find that we have done much to make it easy
buying for the men folks.

What is Better Than Clothing.

For never before in the history of Christmas selling have we had such
an assortment of clothing.

All of the best Cutting-made stamp and most reliable in make, fit and
finish, and the prices never lower in our experience. Men's Suits \$5 to \$25,
best values \$10 to \$15. Men's Overcoats \$4 to \$25, best values \$10 to \$15.
Men's Ulsters \$5 to \$15, best values \$8.50 to \$10. Boys' Suits \$2 to \$5,
best values \$2.50 to \$3.50. Boys' Overcoats \$2.50 to \$10, best values
\$3.50 to \$5. Boys' Reefers \$2 to \$6, best values \$3.50 to \$5.

Suggestions In Furnishings.

Often times as much pleasure is had in giving some small article as the
most costly. A few of the sure to please articles to be found at Cutting
Corner can be seen in our State and Main streets windows, and here's a list.

Handsome Neckwear, all shapes, 25c to \$1.25. Silk and Cashmere
Mittens 25c to \$2. Silk Armbands 10c to 50c. Silk Suspenders 50c to \$2.
Ladies' and Gents' Pocketbooks 20c to \$2. Gents' Leather Sets \$1.25 to
\$5. Lined Kid Gloves and Mittens 50c to \$2. Plain White and Fancy
Linen and Linon Handkerchiefs 5c to 50c. With initials 10c, 15c and 25c.
Hemstitched Japan Silk Handkerchiefs, white, black and fancy, 25c to \$1.
With initial 50c to \$2.

Boys' Department

Suggestions are valuable to every parent, and the warm clothing,
Underwear, Stockings, Sweaters, &c., are sure to be acceptable:

Winter Caps 25c to \$1. New Sweaters 50c to \$2.50. Handkerchiefs
in linen and lawn 5c to 15c, with initial 10c. New Suspenders 10c to 25c.
New Windsor Ties 25c. Leather and Corduroy Leggings \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.
Night Shirts in outing flannel 50c to 75c. Our place of business is trans-
formed into a place of public pleasure for the Holiday Shopper. Buy
today.

C. H. CUTTING & CO.,

Wholesale Retailers,

Cutting Corner.

What Shall the Present Be?

Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother.
There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled with
a pair of fine SLIPPERS from our stock. Genuine Alligator
\$2, Bottle-Green Dongola, lined with white kid, \$1.50. Big
line of other grades 50c. to \$1.25.

J. T. MULCARE,

Sole Agent for W. L. Douglas Shoes.

Anniversary Souvenirs of the Normal School at WOODROW'S TEA STORE

We will give away from now
until Christmas a beauti-
ful Tumbler Souvenir of
the Normal School to all
our customers

Free of Charge

Come and bring your friends and secure one of
these beautiful gifts free. No Christmas table is com-
plete without a cup of our tea or coffee. A book by
Palmer Cox, Brownie Scenes, given free to the little ones.
Bring them along.

Woodrow's Tea Store,

85 Center St. North Adams

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

Ancient Pieces of Ware—A Liberal Collection — Poultry Thieves Caught.

Poultry Thieves Caught.

Constable George Field, of South Williamstown, and Thomas Dumfry of this village brought two poultry thieves to light Monday. Last Thursday night roosts were raided all the way from Hancock to South Williamstown, fowls being taken from the premises of Gordon Beebe Mrs. Ann Beebe, and W. A. Fraser of Hancock, and Harry Warhol and H. J. Pease of South Williamstown. The officers were set at work and Monday the premises of Ted Dewey, who lives on the back road about a mile east of the depot, were searched. Heads and feathers were found in quantities, and as the chain of evidence tightened about him Dewey threw up the sponge and confessed that the stealing was done by him and Arthur Beverly of the White Oaks. Because of his confession and agreement to testify to the facts in court Dewey was not arrested, but Beverly was taken into custody and lodged in the lockup for trial. The good work of the officers is very gratifying to those who lost poultry and to the community in general, and will be worth many dollars to the farmers of the region, as the chicken stealing business when once begun usually goes on until some one is brought up with a roving turn.

Ancient Pieces of Ware.

H. W. Allsop has three pitchers, two of which are about 75 years old and the other 165. They were brought from England about the year 1874 by Mrs. Allsop's father. The oldest and largest one is profusely ornamented by hand painting, on one there being a picture of a fox chase and on the other a sort of low tower. Under this are the lines: "When this you see remember me, And keep me in your mind, Let all the world say what they will, Speak of me as you find." On the front of the pitcher are these words: "A good health to all my friends, Susannah Mellor, near Boyton, 1782." This pitcher will hold about two quarts. The other two are small, about the size of those commonly used as table milk pitchers. They are prettily painted, but have no pictures or words upon them. Mr. Allsop says he was once offered \$40 for the large one, and they are all valuable as souvenirs of a past age.

A Liberal Collection.

The annual collection for foreign missions was taken at the Methodist church Sunday and amounted to over \$100.

The operetta, "Santa Claus' Surprise Party," will be given in the Williamstown opera house Christmas evening by a large chorus under the direction of J. W. Lawrence. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Mrs. Peter Jerome and her daughter,

Mrs. Edward Noel, were called to Turners Falls Sunday by the death of Mrs. Jerome's grandson, Fred, the young son of her daughter, Mrs. Watson McVee. Lindley Bros. have taken a contract to do the carpenter work on an addition to the Boston Finishing works, which will consist of a storeroom for the storage of acids, etc., and the work has been begun. The masonry work will be done by Cassimere Noel.

Mrs. Reynolds has moved to the factory village from Mechanville, N. Y. Miss Bessie Hall is spending a few days in Boston with her brother, Damon, who is a student in the Boston University law school.

The Methodist Sunday school will give a Christmas concert next Sunday evening. Interesting exercises will be liberally interspersed with music and the occasion will undoubtedly fill the church.

Miss Millington of Hancock Falls, N. Y. spent Sunday in town as the guest of her brother, Frank Millington.

John Murphy, who lived in the Gale block, has moved to Pittsfield.

George Thompson, who has been employed in the People's market, has formed a partnership with a Bennington, Vt., man and will engage in the meat business in this town.

There is good skating on some of the ponds and the boys are improving it.

The French parochial school will have a vacation next week.

A regular meeting of the Gale Hose company was held Monday evening.

The fresh meat in Victor Noel's market, which was closed by attachment last week, was sold at auction Monday afternoon by Sheriff Frink of North Adams. It was bid off by Edmund Noel, of who Victor Noel bought the market and provision.

The Clark chapel Sunday school will enjoy a Christmas tree Friday evening.

The special services at Clark chapel are well attended and much interest is being manifested. Rev. Edward Wilson preached Monday evening, and this evening the sermon will be preached by Rev. A. M. Woodruff of Cornwall, Vt.

At Raphael's church on Christmas day high mass will be celebrated at 10.45 a. m. and a vesper service will be held at 7 p. m. Rev. Fr. Boadwin will celebrate high mass at Greylock at 9 a. m. and a vesper service will be held at 3.30 p. m.

An entertainment will be given at the White Oaks chapel this evening which will include some sleight-of-hand work by a gentleman who is visiting Dr. Lloyd. On Christmas eve there will be an entertainment and tree for the Sunday school.

We have just received a new supply of extra fine quality of hay. Call, write or telephone T. W. Richmond's coal and wood office.

A Tour for the Christmas Holidays.

Personally conducted nine-day tour, visiting Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Philadelphia and New York, will leave Boston, Tuesday, Dec. 28th. Five days are spent at the National Capital at the best hotels, and \$27 covers every expense. Other tours in January, February, March, April and May. For itinerary, call on or address A. J. Simmons, N. A., 231 Washington street, Boston.

"The Prisoner of Zenda" and "A Gentleman of France," to mention two happy and pleasing examples of this type of novel, are not modern in the sense that they express any deep feeling or any vital characteristic of today. They are not in accord with the spirit of the times. One might say that these stories represent the novel in its theatrical mood. It is the novel masquerading. Just as a respectable bookkeeper likes to go into private theatricals, wear a wig with curls, a slosh lace with ostrich feathers, a sword and ruffles and play a part to tear a cat in, so does the novel like to do the same. The day after the performance the whole artificial equipment drops away and disappears. The bookkeeper becomes a bookkeeper once more and a natural man. The hour before the footlights has done him no harm. True, he forgot his lines at one place, but what is a prompter for if not to act in such an emergency? But now that he is over the affair may be pronounced a success—particularly in the light of the gratifying statement that a clear profit has been realized toward paying for the new organ.

This is not unfair comparison of the part played by these books in modern fiction. The public likes them, buys them, reads them, and there is no reason why the public should not. In proportion to the demand for color, action, posturing and excessive gesticulation, these books have a financial success. In proportion to the conscientiousness of the artist who creates them they have a literary vitality. But they bear to the actual modern novel a relation not unlike that which "The Castle of Otranto" bears to "Tom Jones"—making allowance, of course, for the chronological discrepancy.

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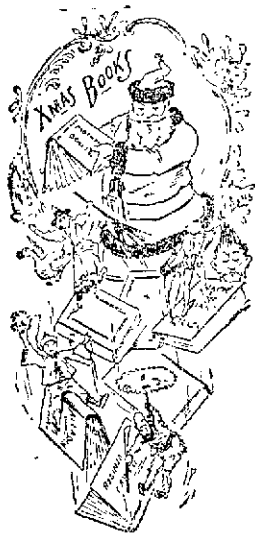
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DID MR. HAMER OR THE TRANSCRIPT LIE?

THE TRANSCRIPT has no disposition to follow Mr. Hamer after the votes are counted. What has been said of his misstatements during the campaign has been said with the evidence all given, and the most charitable language has been used. But when last night Mr. Hamer charged this paper before a thousand people with lying and falsehood, he made it necessary for us to answer him and to tell the facts plainly, however much it may impeach Mr. Hamer's reputation for veracity. This we propose to do.

In opposing the election of Mr. Hamer, THE TRANSCRIPT has confined itself to his public acts and has left unsaid many things that might have been said relating to his private life. To all the charges made by THE TRANSCRIPT against him, he has not made a single reply save in one instance. THE TRANSCRIPT in its issue of yesterday said that Mr. Hamer last year signed a petition for a re-count to defeat the election of John E. Magenis as representative. The object of THE TRANSCRIPT in calling attention to this matter was to show that Mr. Hamer as a Republican opposed the election of Mr. Magenis who was a Republican and nominated in a Republican convention, without opposition. Mr. Hamer at a meeting in Odd Fellows hall last evening said that this charge was false, and denied most emphatically ever having signed any such petition. The petition for a re-count was this morning taken from the safe in the city hall and compared with other signatures there of Mr. Hamer. The signature was "Harry R. Hamer." The signature was compared with other signatures and officials in the city hall pronounced it to be Mr. Hamer's signature. The petition was taken to W. W. Butler, the cashier of the Berkshire National bank, where Mr. Hamer does his banking business. Mr. Butler after comparing it with other signatures of Mr. Hamer in the bank's possession, said that he had no doubt that the signature "Harry R. Hamer" on the petition, was Mr. Hamer's own handwriting.

The signature was then shown to Mr. Hamer who said that the signature was a forgery. "How do you know that it is a forgery?" said the questioner. "Because I never sign my name, 'Harry R. Hamer,'" said Mr. Hamer. Pulling from his pocket the minority report made to the council, where Mr. Hamer accused James L. Darter of unbusiness like methods, Mr. Hamer's questioner said: "Is that your signature?" "Yes," said Mr. Hamer. There it was, an exact copy of the other signature, "Harry R. Hamer."

Call it by its right name, Harry Hamer lied to the audience in Odd Fellows' hall last night when he said he did not sign the petition to have a recount made of the vote for John E. Magenis for representative. His name is on that petition signed "Harry R. Hamer," and the bank experts of this city say it is his signature. He falsified again this morning when presented with the proof of his dishonest statement, by saying he never signed his name "Harry R. Hamer." But he was silent when another signature of his with the middle initial was produced, and which he could not deny. When he accused THE TRANSCRIPT of lying last night he was lying himself.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

It is all over but the counting and the counting.
It has been an exceedingly lively city campaign, and an earnest fight has been fought by either side. Both Cady men and Hamer men have been desperately in earnest, and both have felt that much was at stake,—more perhaps than there really was, for we shall all live on and be happy whether Mr. Cady or Mr. Hamer be elected, and if we all only looked at each other with the eye of charity we should probably see more good in the intentions of our political opponents than we now do.
It has been a queer sort of campaign in one respect—the campaign has been waged by the Hamer advocates against the administration and not against Mr. Cady, who has no part in that administration.

tion. Everything said against Mayor Houghton and his fellow officers in the city government, however, has been charged up as though it were against Mr. Cady. And at the same time, Mr. Hamer has been asking an election only on the ground that he, as a new mayor, would have new methods, not seeming to be aware that Mr. Cady could as well claim the same thing.
During the past fortnight Mr. Hamer and his friends have dropped argument and figures and have appealed to personal feeling largely. The meeting last night proves this. There was invective and personalities used, but no figures and no arguments. There was no attempt made to reply to Mayor Houghton's masterly speech on his administration. But there was abuse for Mayor Houghton. None of THE TRANSCRIPT's absolute statements of facts were answered. But there was unmeasured abuse for THE TRANSCRIPT, even to Mr. Hamer's denying the truth of an editorial which he read from its columns. The argument of the lawyers of this city as to the proper construction of Sections 51 and 53, was sneered at, and jeered, and the lawyers abused, but there was no argument advanced to show wherein they were wrong.
On the other hand many of the Hamer men have felt that they were right in this campaign. They have seen the city's debt increase, they have felt that Mr. Hamer was being a brave man to call in question the whole city government, some of them have not enjoyed bad walks in front of their houses nor delighted in the expense caused them by the board of health when they saw other parts of the city having public improvements. There has been a good deal of discontent and some of it has not been unreasonable for all things cannot be done for all people at once.
And out of the whole campaign has come good. We have had to examine closely the workings of our city government, have become better acquainted with it, have closely scanned the public work, have become familiar with the intentions and plans of our city officials and have served notice on all public officials in this city that they will be held closely responsible to the people.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The Hamer campaign closed with a very successful rally so far as numbers go, in Odd Fellows' hall last evening. It was a partisan audience (as was right enough) and an audience that was pleased with the torrent of abuse that came from the platform. Little else was spoken. Not a half dozen figures were given during the whole evening. There was no argument attempted, except possibly by Mr. Amidon who took an entirely correct view of the rights of the poll-tax voter and the part of the taxes they paid,—but seemingly forgetting that Mayor Houghton had taken the same view Friday evening, when he said that the poll-tax voter had the same right to be heard in city affairs as the wealthiest man in it. Mr. Ryan sneeringly spoke of the charter as one of the most wonderful papers in the state, while Mr. Amidon followed him by saying it was an excellent charter. D. J. Barber dealt in insinuation and unqualified references to the mayor, without attempting argument. As a way he did very well.
Mr. Hamer was the hero of the night. The main part of his speech was reading an editorial from THE TRANSCRIPT falsely denying its truth, and then attacking the paper in general and sweeping terms. He re-asserted his allegiance to public improvements denying that he voted against them in the council, because (as he did not explain) he had voted for an amended proposition to pave the lower part of Main and Marshall streets, saying nothing about his "no" vote on upper Main and Church street work. THE TRANSCRIPT gave his votes exactly as recorded in city hall.
THE TRANSCRIPT was such a popular theme of abuse last night, even drawing more fire than the mayor and "lawyers" combined, that it felt complimented by the unbusiness it has caused the Hamer host from its captain down. Nothing was too bad to say of it, although not one of its charges or arguments was proven false.

LET DECENCY BE OBSERVED.

Among the incidents of the campaign just closed nothing is more deplorable than the publishing of the scurrilous cartoons recently put forth by the editor of the North Adams News. These cartoons were not only malicious but they were indecent and outrageous.
Against whom were they aimed? Against some person who had done the city some irreparable injury? Against some person who had defamed the city and brought it into disrepute? Against some person who had tried to prevent the growth and development of the municipality?
No. The cartoons were published with the intention of injuring a man who has done more than any other individual to benefit the city and build it up. A man who had the title deeds at one time of the Broad Brook water supply in his possession and which he could have disposed of at a profit to himself, had he been so disposed, of over half a million dollars. A man who sold the Union street school house to the city at one half its value. A man to whose efforts more than any one else was due the location of the state normal school within our limits. A man who gave the city a public library and funds to thoroughly equip it. A man who bestowed a magnificent gift upon the Grand Army organization. A man who has helped the North Adams hospital and many other public charities.
It was against the mayor of North Adams, whose administration has accomplished more for the city of North Adams during the last two years, than those of the last decade combined, that these cartoons were published. It was against him that methods were employed that would be beneath the notice of the denizens of the Bowery and the leaders of Mulberry Bend.

It is time that the people of this community should rebuke such methods. It is time that they should set their tongues at such vile, contemptible and unjustifiable attacks.
It is time that this offender should be

brought before the bar of public opinion and sentenced.
The people of this community owe this to their mayor and they owe it to themselves.
Let the laws of decency be observed even among those who cannot respect the truth.
Mr. Cady will have nothing to regret in the conduct of his campaign.
THE TRANSCRIPT has troubled the Hamer campaign terribly if the abuse at last night's meeting is any sign.
Mr. Hamer said last night that the man or newspaper that would lie about one thing, would do the same about everything. Enough said.
North Adams people will have time after today to remember that it is the Christmas season and that there are other things in the world beside a city election. But how strange it will seem!

D. J. Barber's grandiose and histrionic effort made last night to amend the caucus laws of the commonwealth would not appear so ridiculous today were not the very provisions for secret caucus balloting which he resolves for now on the statutes. This woe of the star-eyed goddess of reform should see chapter 507 acts of 1885, section 24.

It is no pleasure for any paper, even in self defence, to have to prove a candidate for high office in its own city a falsifier and perverter of the truth. And THE TRANSCRIPT today takes no pleasure in holding Harry R. Hamer up to the public gaze in his true light. We had witheld from print some of his past history of court record and proof of other falsehood. But when he charged THE TRANSCRIPT with lying last night, he threw from a glass house a stone that he today will regret.

North Adams has been sadly torn up by her municipal campaign which ends today. The new city will be wise if she sticks to Mayor Houghton's enlightened and broad-gauge policy and elects Mr. Cady to succeed him. The radical reactionists have made a vast deal of noise and now we are to see whether a majority of the people are ready to join them in electing Mr. Hamer. The outside world has come to think pretty well of the intelligence of North Adams.—Springfield Republican.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. Tinker Writes Again.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—To your desire expressed in THE TRANSCRIPT of the 18th Inst., "Will Mr. Tinker in his next communication to the press point out more exactly the relation between the Republican party of Lincoln," etc., "and the party of John, Daniel, Ira and Elmer with their stuffed canuses, etc."
The names mentioned are of the common kind, and the men greatly instrumental in nominating Lincoln, were men mostly unknown outside of their localities, their reputation, what they had, was mostly provincial. While those favoring Seward, had a national character, whose names were as familiar as household words the country through.
Yet these mostly unknown men, the hushers and the rustlers from the wild and woolly west, dominated the 1860 Chicago Republican convention, and forced the nomination of the "rail-splitter."
What immense blessings and benefits have resulted to humanity from this nomination. Yet Lincoln had practically no knowledge of public matters, no training in legislation, nothing in comparison with the extended and able public service of Seward.
Lincoln was an untired man, having served only one term as a member of the United States house of representative, while Seward's public life and career was long, full of honor and world wide, whose came at that 1860 Republican convention was championed by that masterful and resourceful leader, the veteran Thurlow Weed, the great editor of the Albany Evening Journal.
These now men who forced the nomination of Lincoln, the true, but untired, were as of little national renown and account as are John Parker, Daniel, Ira, Elmer and the Tinklers here.
An incident occurred while I was standing in the pit of the wigwam in which that convention was held, with a deaf friend, since passed over to the silent majority, while we were waiting to see which procession, that of Seward's men or Lincoln's followers should arrive and take possession of the pit and galleries first, and keep the other one out, an eminent gentleman from Troy, with his law partner came up to us and said, "Tinker, I hear you are to work for Lincoln, and reporting that he will be nominated on the second ballot." "No," I replied, "the third," then "ain't you ashamed, a son of the Pilgrims from Massachussets, the home of schools, colleges and churches, cohabiting with this rough and tough element from the wild half civilized West," we had some more quite spicy conversation, when the head of one of the processions came in sight. The leaders I saw at a glance were Lincoln men. We jumped upon the platform and this possession of nameless men filled and took possession of the pit and galleries, to the exclusion and great disgust of the Seward ones which had to remain outside and beat the air. All know the result, Lincoln was nominated on the third ballot, and the country ratified the nomination at the full election. I was not a full fledged delegate, because this Congressional District was for Seward, while was first and last for Lincoln, and was elected but a substitute to the late John H. Collin.
This eminent man is still Troy's first citizen, many of the inhabitants of North Adams know him well and honorably. He has frankly told me, he made a mistake and it was a great blessing for humanity and the country that Lincoln was nominated.
Therefore Mr. Editor, take courage if Mr. Hamer should be elected by the word of John, Ira, Elmer, Daniel and the Tinklers, the city may not be harmed. Let's remember that Lincoln was the choice of the common people.
Yours truly,
EDWARD R. TINKER.

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Are Jews in Haiti.
A Berlin weekly publishes a letter from a German in Port au Prince regarding German and American methods of diplomacy at the Haitian capital. In view of the Leaders case and the good words which this German has for American agents abroad, the letter is of considerable interest. The writer says:
"It is truly deplorable to see a German abroad forsaken by his government. Of course, we have a minister resident here, but that is, in fact, one of the most melancholy features of the situation, for, despite his presence, many German subjects seek the protection of the United States consul. If they appeal to him, they feel sure of a quick and businesslike disposition of the affair in hand. As long as you regard Haiti as a full fledged and civilized nation and approach its government in paternal leather, kid gloves and white cravat, you will be treated without respect, as Germany is."
"The United States got here everything they wish. Why? Because they got into 'slavery' by their allowance and work caught to the point. Besides, it is known that within two or three days American men-of-war could be brought into this port. On the other hand, the German diplomatic agents run their legs off, write countless communications in irreproachable style, and accomplish nothing, also lately nothing, because their instructions from Berlin necessitate always red tape, diplomatic correctness and flabby procedure."
This letter is signed, "A long suffering German subject in Haiti."

Revenge Is Sweet.
Watts—You say you are sure you know who robbed your house, and yet you refuse to take any steps to have him punished. You are too tender hearted.
Fotts—That ain't no reason. I want to get even by letting him go free to rob somebody else.—Indianapolis Journal.

An Odd Habit In Berlin.
The men of Berlin have an odd habit of brushing and combing their hair and whiskers in public. In the restaurants and after men pull out their implements and "spruce up" while waiting for their orders to be filled. They do not take the trouble to leave the table either.

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Local News!

POWELL CENTER.

Jack Myers is very sick, suffering from a cold and indigestion. William Montgomery is again confined to the house, having caught a bad cold. Mrs. Franklin Hood, who had been sick for some time with a cold and lung trouble, is reported to be better. Miss Irene Dean, who has taught school in town for the past two years, has tendered her resignation to the board of directors.

Arthur Merchant is making quite extensive improvements on his farm. He has just completed a large manure pit and is going to build an addition to one of his barns. This addition will be used chiefly for a horse barn.

Marion Harrington is confined to his house with a severe illness.

Albert Thompson, while working last week, met with a most serious accident. He was drawing wood from the mountain and had about a cord of green wood on his wagon. As he was coming down the mountain he struck a large water bar and was thrown under the wagon one of the rear wheels passing over his chest breaking five ribs and bruising him in a dangerous manner. The Drs. Potter are attending him from Bennington.

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Naomi Sherman died at the home of Mrs. Chauncey Roseberry. Mrs. Sherman was taken sick some time ago while visiting at Mrs. Roseberry's and since that time until her death she was a great sufferer, yet enduring the pain with a marked fortitude and patience. The funeral was held on Friday, the Rev. Mr. Kellogg officiating. Mrs. Sherman was a quiet and unassuming woman, a good neighbor and her loss will be felt by all in this vicinity who knew her, for to know her was to be her friend.

George Myers is suffering from an attack of guinea.

Last Saturday Mrs. Hannah Green while walking near her home stepped on some ice slipped and fell with such force that she broke one of her legs.

CHARLEMONT.

The teamsters and lumbermen are anxiously waiting for snow.

Everyone was happy when they struck the state highway last week, when there was so much mud on all the roads, the mine road was just terrible.

The steam mill has gone into winter quarters, cooped up.

The Jacksonville stage since it went into new hands and has two good horses seems to be doing good business and accommodates all the people on the line six days in the week.

Mr. Tolman is becoming one of the most successful creamery men in New England. He leased the Charlemont creamery No. 20, 1896. It was then standing idle and in six months time by strict attention to business made \$5,533 pounds of fine butter. He won the grand sweepstakes of the Connecticut State Dairy convention of 1907 with a score of 98; also the grand sweepstakes of the Massachusetts state fair, 1907, with a score of 95. He never colors his butter with madder, but uses Well, Richardson & Co.'s butter color, from whom he won a silver medal for perfect color. Last week he beat the record, making 250 pounds of butter.

The Congregational meeting house, which has been closed for interior repairs, the past four weeks, was opened for services last Sunday, having been newly painted and decorated and a new furnace put in for heating, making a great improvement.

If any one had said 50 years ago that people in the hills would be using fuel from the coal mines at this day, they would not have believed it.

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My now owns \$500, that the treasurer, E. F. Haskin, now has in his hands \$165.95. P. A. Johnson sold 90 barrels of apples. Baldwin, Greenleafs, Pearmain and Little Coreas to New Haven parties at \$2.37 per barrel, all No. 1.

It takes five horses to draw the milk from Heath and North Heath to the milk-can every morning in the week. Sunday mornings it has to be gotten to the car in time to go on the 5 o'clock train which now runs pretty early.

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The social life of the city is not in any other city of the United States except New York, and it is much smaller in New York than it is here. These men have nothing to do but spend time and money in amusements, and they find their chief recreation in making calls and attending parties and receptions. The women of Washington almost without exception devote themselves to the same form of recreation.

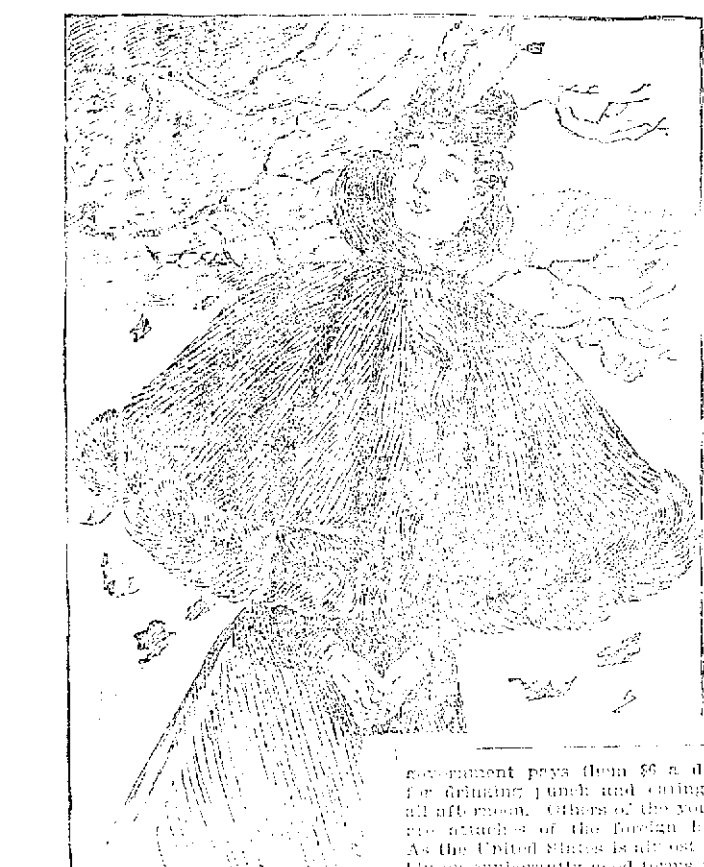
Washington women are just preparing for the season of 1878. It will not open formally or officially until the 1st of January, when the president holds his reception at the White House and all the notables of the cabinet and the chief officers of the army and navy have little receptions at their homes. But the buds of Washington are not waiting until January to burst into bloom. In fact, many of them have already begun to bloom in the social life of the city.

Now, however, there is a more serious outlook for a winter of hard work than these debutantes. Calling and entertaining have been reduced to a science at Washington, but the demands are not the same as in New York. It is now a question of quantity. The social output is greater, but the quality is not so good.

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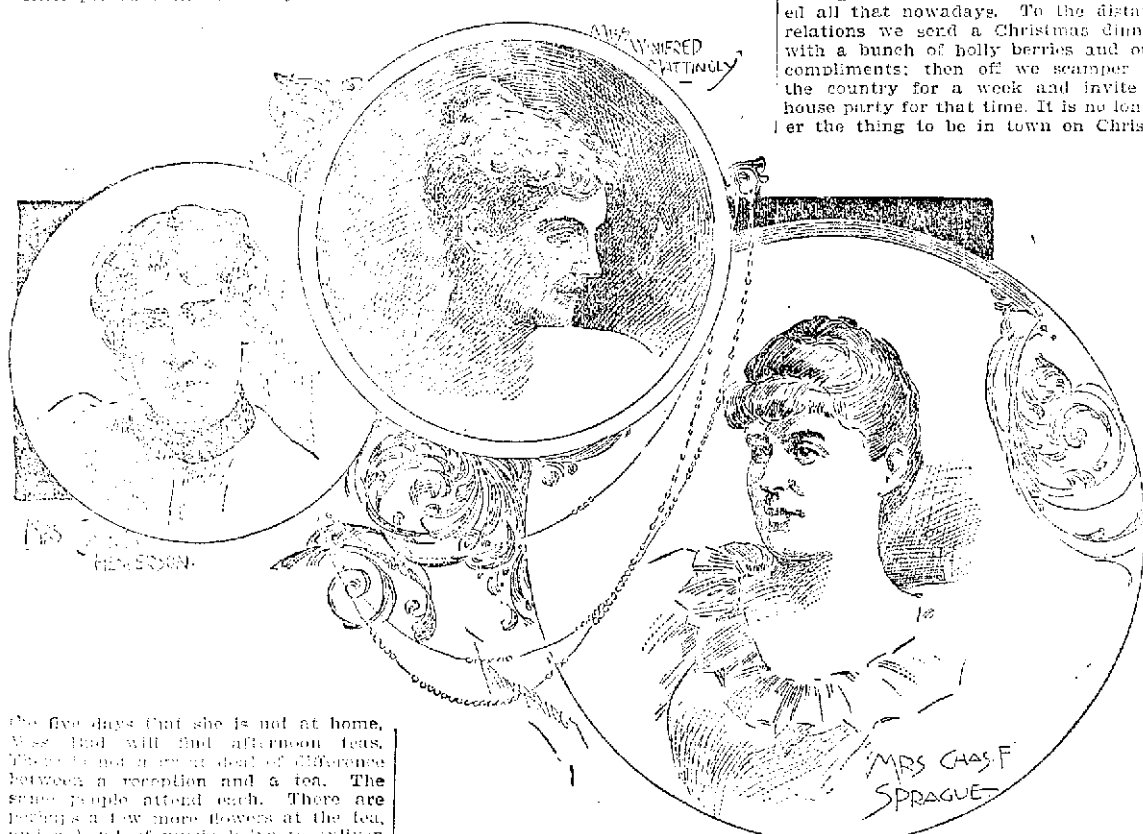
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In the evenings Miss Bud will not have much opportunity for the theater, because she will have to go to so many balls and dinners that all her time will be fully occupied. She may go to the Damrosch opera and pretend she likes Wagner, because Damrosch is a lad in Washington society. But ordinary dramatic entertainment, however much she may like it, can have but a small place in her winter's programme.



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BAB'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

The Merry Season of Song and Story and Good Cheer.

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In the times gone by, when Christmas day came around, whoever had the biggest house and the most money gave a dinner and asked to it all her relations—sisters, cousins and aunts, and all the masculine contingent as well—to eat and eat and eat until eating ceased to be a pleasure and indigestion became a certainty. That was the day of the turkey, the mince pie and the cranberry sauce, the big bunches of celery and the homemade sweet pickles; the day of the heavily laden table, warranted to take away one's appetite at once, provided one were at all delicate in one's tastes. But we have grown civilized. We have changed all that nowadays. To the distant relations we send a Christmas dinner to the country for a week and invite a house party for that time. It is no longer the thing to be in town on Christ-



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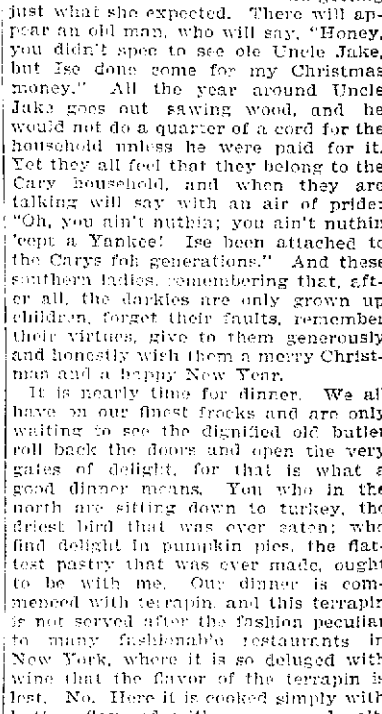
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are absolutely making love to the girls, while husbands are growing affectionate to their wives. Before you realize it is Christmas eve you are asked if you want to help get the presents ready, and, feeling yourself young again, off you go, prepared to tie up the many packages. You don't know what it means, you from the north. There are hundreds of packages to tie up. There is an apron for this one, a handkerchief for that one, a gown for the other, a tiny purse holding a little money, a pouch filled with tobacco, and always there are to be fixed bags for holding candy, nuts and raisins. Who are they for? For the innumerable dainties who have never recognized that they have no claim upon that family with whom they were born. They all come trooping home at Christmas time and expect that the madame of today will be as generous as the madame of 50 years ago, who owned them. And this madame feels the responsibility, for as you stand with her tomorrow morning, helping her to give out her presents, you will see a boy come up, who will say, "Madame, don't you know me? See Celestine's Tom," the afore-said Celestine having betrayed the hiding place of her mistress' silver during the war, but returning after it expecting to be cared for when ill and getting just what she expected. There will appear an old man, who will say, "Honey, you didn't see to see old Uncle Jake, but see come for my Christmas money." All the year around Uncle Jake goes out sawing wood, and he would not do a quarter of a cord for the household unless he were paid for it. Yet they all feel that they belong to the Cary household, and when they are talking will say with an air of pride: "Oh, you ain't nuthin' you ain't nuthin' 'cept a Yankee! See been attached to the Carys for generations." And these southern ladies, remembering that, after all, the dainties are only grown up children, forget their faults, remember their virtues, give to them generously and honestly wish them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

It is nearly time for dinner. We all have on our finest frocks and are only waiting to see the dignified old butler roll back the doors and open the very gates of delight, for that is what a good dinner means. You who in the north are sitting down to turkey, the finest bird that was ever eaten; who find delight in pumpkin pie, the flattest pastry that was ever made, ought to be with me. One dinner is composed with terrapin, and this terrapin is not served after the fashion peculiar to many fashionable restaurants in New York, where it is so deluged with wine that the flavor of the terrapin is lost. No. Here it is cooked simply with butter, flavored with pepper and salt, and if you don't know just what terrapin means and how perfect its flavor is you can throw a little muller into your own special portion, but somebody who knows better will look at you with surprise if you do. Then we have cranberry ducks at one end of the table, just high enough and so perfectly cooked that when the carving knife goes in the blood spurts out. They have truly been cooked in the ideal way—carried through a hot kitchen by a coal-headed cook. At the other end there are roast carous, dainties as they should be, by a home cured ham, the outside of which is a delicate brown, the result of its having been smothered with the yolk of an egg mixed with a little wine that has some sugar in it. The southern housekeeper knows, as does the English one, that with white meat there must always be eaten ham or bacon. Consequently the chicken never ap-



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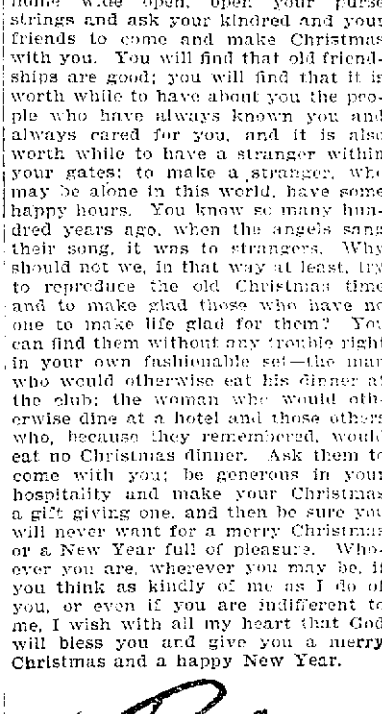
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Then there comes on a salad, a green one, which madame dresses after the fashion of India, with grated cheese. And then the servants file in, two by two and line up by the doorway, each holding a lighted candle, while the two cooks, walking proudly between, one carrying the plum pudding, in a perfect blaze of brandy, and the other holding up an enormous mince pie. To each one of these good creatures is given a glass of punch, and we all stand up, and everybody drinks to what they will, and the dainties call out in rapt tones, "Merry Christmas, missus, merry Christmas!" And it is a merry Christmas, for we all laugh later on over the Christmas tree and jest about the little presents, none costing much, but each making fun, while we wonder if there is any place quite so good as this southern land. And I, who am of it, I wonder if there are any people who can so entirely throw aside their cares and become as little children for awhile as can the people of the south. It is a good thing, I tell you. It keeps the women and the men loyal. It makes people love each other and believe in each other—like little children. It is good for us to meet this way each year and give out greetings as sincerely as we do. It means a coming out of the hard, working world and the tiresome, everyday life and having a glimpse of something better. It makes life worth having. If you don't believe me, throw your home wide open, open your purse strings and ask your kindred and your friends to come and make Christmas with you. You will find that old-fashioned things are good; you will find that it is worth while to have about you the people who have always known you and always cared for you, and it is also worth while to have a stranger within your gates; to make a stranger, who may be alone in this world, have some happy hours. You know so many hundred years ago, when the angels sang their song, it was to strangers. Why should not we, in that way at least, try to reproduce the old Christmas time and to make glad those who have no one to make life glad for them? You can find them without any trouble right in your own fashionable set—the man who would otherwise eat his dinner at the club; the woman who would otherwise dine at a hotel and those others who, because they remembered, would eat no Christmas dinner. Ask them to come with you; be generous in your hospitality and make your Christmas a gift giving one, and then be sure you will never want for a merry Christmas or a New Year full of pleasure. Whoever you are, wherever you may be, if you think as kindly of me as I do of you, or even if you are indifferent to me, I wish with all my heart that God will bless you and give you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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The Weight of Woman.

Self constituted judges of the "female form divine" have criticised a statement made recently that woman's proper weight is 125 pounds. Now, the average woman must be neither too long nor too short, neither too thin nor too thick. June weighed probably 150 pounds. Had she lived to a good old age she would have weighed 250. June was a great big woman of the heroic type. Diana was not so large. She weighed, it has been said, 100. Venus was about the size of the average young woman of today, tipping the scales at 125 pounds. The girl of 20 who weighs 125 pounds ought to weigh at 35 years 150, and she ought not to allow herself to grow any heavier.

If Venus were to walk in our streets today she would probably be mistaken for a maid or chambermaid. A woman's weight generally shows her social position. Venus wore the first Mother Hubbard. It is called emperor by most of the women with large waists, empire by the waists variety and an empire by the hump-ton. No one can like it. The empire gown suggests the boudoir and the skroom and leaves a great deal more to the imagination than does the close fitting waist. Even as things are now the women keep us guessing all the time, and we be into us if they push their waists up under their arms. A woman in an empire gown is aggressively huggable. It is next to impossible for a sentimental and impressionable man to keep his arms to himself.

Women come in all sorts of packages, in all shapes and sizes, and we love them every one. Charles Reade, who was a fair lawyer and a readable novelist, was perhaps the best judge of a woman in all England, and one is inclined to accept his opinion on the subject of making. He once remarked, "If I had the making of young people, I should have the husband always tall and slender and the wife of average height, inclining to stoutness." He could not start a couple of thin people, and a giant wife with a corpulent husband nearly drove him crazy. He referred to this subject in one of his best novels, "Put Yourself in His Place."

Hen Party Is Great Fun.

A new species of hen party has come into vogue which excites much merriment. It bears no resemblance to the time honored idea that one and eight, chat, gossip and smart hats constitute the necessary adjuncts to these particular gatherings. The latest centers about a real live hen, of feathers, her chicks and her eggs.

This party originated in this fashion: A young girl and her friend took a house in the suburbs and went to housekeeping. A mischievous bird called to see them, and discovered in the premises a deserted henery, which suggested an idea to his fertile brain.

He at once communicated his idea to other friends, who arranged secretly for a genuine hen party. On a pleasant day the invited guests met at the railway station and proceeded in a hazy to the new home. Each one carried a live hen, a chick or a dozen eggs for hatching purposes.

The scene which occurred when 30 guests arrived with 30 chickens for the hen party was a sight to behold. When the little birds recovered breath, the produced her chocolate eggs and the biscuits, and the groom showed himself a man of resources by offering a prize for the most laughable incident connected with the purchase of the fowls.

One of the rules of this new game is that the hens must not be sent by express, porter or other means of conveyance, but must be delivered by the purchaser. It is suggested that these feathered donations would prove a great success in charitable affairs.

Women and the Sidesaddle.

There are many encouraging indications that the days of the sidesaddle are passing and that beautiful and sensible cross saddle riding is to conquer general acceptance with women. Among these indications is the following from the Chicago Record:

The management of the Chicago horse show has made a concession to the new woman. This concession no other city in the country, except perhaps Louisville or San Francisco, would applaud. The reason is that in no other city are there as many women of recognized social position and wealth who are cross riders—that is, who ride astride instead of in the cramped, ungraceful position heretofore deemed to be the only proper way for a woman to ride. The horse show management has offered each prize for cross riding, this being the best offered in this or any other country. The entries of several well known women have already been received. New York will contribute two of its best riders, who were pioneers of the movement in this country. Many other women from various cities will enter and compete for the prize.

How Edison Proposed.

The idea of the great Edison proposing to marry was first suggested by 20 intimate friends, of whom Edison readily inquired who he should marry.

The friend who kindly tested Edison's sentiment when the time came, the day as he stood behind the chair of a Miss Stillwell, a telegraph operator in his employ, he was not a little surprised when she suddenly turned round and said:

"Mr. Edison, I can always tell when you are behind me or near me." Edison frowned the young lady, and, looking at her directly, said:

"I've been thinking considerably about you of late, and I'd like to marry you. I would like to marry you."

The young lady said she would like the matter over with her mother. The result was their marriage, and a very happy one it proved to be.

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